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*Das deutsche Unterrichtswesen der Gegenwart.* By KARL KNABE. (Aus Natur und Geisteswelt.) Leipzig: Teubner, 1910. Pp. ii+108. M. 1.25.

This is without doubt the best short treatment of modern education in Germany. The book does not deal alone with the public and secondary schools and the universities but considers also the vocation, trade, and agricultural schools. Numerous tables show the courses of study, the number of pupils in the classes, and the attendance in the different schools.

*Beginning German. A Series of Lessons with an Abstract of Grammar.* By H. C. BIERWIRTH. 2d ed., revised and enlarged. New York: Henry Holt & Co., 1909. Pp. 300. \$0.90.

This book does not make any attempt to follow in the footsteps of the reformers, but presents the essentials of the German grammar in a simple and logical way. The vocabulary chosen is excellent, the abstract of the grammar admirable.

*Exercises in German Syntax and Composition for Advanced Students.* By MARION P. WHITNEY AND LILIAN L. STROEBE. New York: Henry Holt & Co., 1910. Pp. ix+194.

This book contains three parts: (1) exercises in German syntax (2) selections for translation from English into German (3) suggestions for themes based on classical German texts. The first part, which is the most valuable, gives passages from some German writers upon which the English exercises are based. The exercises are graded and are chosen for the reviewing of distinct syntactical rules. The subject-matter of the second part is selected for the purpose of giving advanced students the vocabulary necessary for the study of literature and literary criticism. The selections are taken mostly from the English prefaces of German classics.

*Easy German Stories.* By C. E. RIES. Edited by ERNEST B. BIERMANN. New York: American Book Co., 1910. Pp. 183. \$0.35.

The book contains eight short fanciful stories, for early and easy reading, which have never before been edited for school use and which may be recommended. Questions and exercises based upon the text have been added.

*Easy German Stories.* By HEDWIG LEVI. Edited with Notes and Vocabulary by LUISE DELP. New York: T. Y. Crowell & Co. Pp. 100. \$0.40.

The stories are easily and well told, and might be used in the seventh and eighth grades. The grammatical and syntactical notes are by far too difficult for such simple reading.

*Deutsche Gedichte zum Auswendiglernen.* Selected by W. P. CHALMERS. New York: T. Y. Crowell & Co. Pp. 138. \$0.40.

The book is divided into four parts according to the difficulties of the poems. These are well selected and arranged, but the value of the volume is lessened by the lack of a vocabulary.

*Dornröschen.* Ein Märchenspiel in vier Scenen. Von EMMA FISCHER. Pp. 31. \$0.25.